The Pa-
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prayer Newly
made by Tho-
mas Becon.

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¶ Pleasantly do I smell, as it were Cynamome, & swete Balme.

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To the most honorable, and vertuous Lady Anne of Cleue, her grace, sister to the high & mighty Prince, William Duke of Cleue. &c. Thomas Becon, wisheth the fauour of God, long life and continuall health.

AMong many other godly and noble vertues which god by his holy spirite hath grafted in your Graces breaste (moste honorable La-

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by the feruent affection & continuall desyre of prayng vnto the lord our God, hath neyther the laste nor the leaste place in you. And as God hath wrought in you by the holy Ghoste this godly mind to call vpon his holye name with diligente prayer: so likewise doth youre grace sturdy & confirm the spirituall motion with ỹ exercise of daily prayer, least that godly affection should be qué

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ched, whiche the holy Ghost hath kindled in youre harte. For youre grace doth right welcō sider, ꝑ god delighteth in nothing more then in the inuocation of his blessed name, and in the sacrifice of thankes geuing for his benefites. Where ꝑ name of God is diligently called vpō and most humble & hartye thankes geuen vnto him for his fatherlye & frendly giftes, there is his blessing, grace and fauour plēteous, there

is the holye ghost pre-
sēt, there is a mery cō-
sciēce, there all thinges
prosper, there wanteth
no good thing. Conti-
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godly begon, both you
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prayer, and forget not
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ny other he hath richly endued your grace. So shall he be your louing Lorde and gratious God, your fauorable father and strong child. So shall he make your grace to prosper in al your doynges, and blesse you both with long lyfe and much honor. And that your grace may haue at hād conuenient prayers, to praye vnto the Lorde our God.

Preface.

I thought it good conſideringe youre graces manifolde vertues, to geue vnto you this my Commander of praier, wherin are briefly conteined, ſuch godly prayers as are moſt mete in this oure age to be vſed of all degrees & eſtates, moſt humbly beſechyng youre grace to take in good part this my rude and bold enterpriſe accordyng to your accuſtomed gentienes. God whoſe glorye you hart-

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ly loue, whose worde you ioyfully embrace, whose name you earenestly cal vpō: mought vouchesafe to preserue your grace in continual health and encrease of honoure. Amen.

Your graces moste humble and faithfull Orator. Thomas Becon.

The Pomander of Prayers.

☞ A Prayer for the Morning.

REder vn to the (o heauenly father) moſt hartye thãkes by thy deare ſõ Jeſus Chriſt that this night paſt ÿ haſt vouchedſafe of thi fatherly goodnes to preſerue me from all euill, & to geue my body reſt & ſlepe: I now moſt entierly beſeche thee that as thou

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haſt rayſed vp thys my body from ſlepe, ſo lykewiſe thou wilt deliuer my minde frō the ſlepe, of ſinne, & frō the darkneſs of this worlde, that I walking in the light of thi bleſſed worde may only do that is pleaſaūt in thi ſight profitable to my neighbour & healthful to my ſoule. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the Euening.

I Moſt humbly thāke the o merciful father, for preſeruing me this

day frō all misfortunes and for thy other benefites wherewith thou hast plentrously blessed me. I beseche thee forgeue me all my sinnes, wherwith I haue offēded thy fatherly goodnes frō the very beginning of my lyfe vnto this present houre, and take me this night into thy tuition, that myne enemies maye haue no power ouer me. but ỹ my bodye enioyinge a swete slepe, my minde

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may continually watch vnto thee, and through fayth beholde thy blessed maiestie & a perfect hope after this fraile & transitory lyfe, to possesse that immortal and heauenly lyfe, where thou gloriously lyuest and reignest with thy onely begotten son and the holy ghost one true & euerlasting god, worlds without end. Amē

☞ A prayer for the forgeuenes of sinne.

prayers.

O My Lord and onely sauior Jesus Christ which camest into this world to take awaye ỹ heauy burdens of them that were lodē, to seke that was lost, to cal sinners vnto repentaūce, to geue euerlasting life to the faithfull, & to be a mediator betwen god the father & vs: I powre & wretched sinner frō the very hart lament, & inwardlye bewaile my sinfull & wretched life, desirig that for thy pro

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mise sake according to thy mercifull wont, to be my mediatour & aduocate vnto god the father, that he may forgeue me all myne olde sinnes, & so wholy possesse my harte by hys blessed spirite, that he may defēd me against al perils to come, whiche the deuill, the worlde or the flesshe imagineth against me, & so chaūge me into a new mā, that mine olde sinnes being

wyped away in thy pre cious bloude. I maye walke from vertue to vertue. vnto the glory and praise of his blessed name. Amen.

A praier vnto god the father.

Thy dearly beloued son (O most louing father) taught vs in his holy gospell, why to know thee to be the alone true god, is euerlasting life. Graunt therfore we beseche the, that we may truly know thee, euē as we ar taught by thy ho

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ly word beleue with ỹ
hart, and confesse with
the mouth, ỹ thou a-
lone art the true liuing
and immortall god our
beauēly father, our ma
ker, our preseruer, and
our defender, that wee
thus beleuing and con
fessing, may throughe
thy son Christ become
heyres of euerlastyng
life: and as we thus be
leue & confes of thee: so
geue vs grace to shew
forth this our faith by

godly conuersation and vertuous liuyng, that menne seyng oure good workes, may glorify the our heauenly father. to whom be prayse for euer. Amen.

A prayer vnto god the Sonne.

O Lord Jesu Christ ꝥ son of the liuyng god yea, very god him selfe begotten of god the father from euerlastyng, and continuing true & immortal god, worldes without end: by thee al

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prayers.

thinges wer made both
in heauen and in earth,
by thee also they be con
serued & kept in a godly
order, ỹ art the bright
nes of thy fathers glo-
ry ỹ art the very image
of his substãce, in the ar
hid all the treasures of
wisdome & knowledge,
in thee dwelleth al ful-
nes, by the ar we reconci
led to God ỹ father, by
the ar we set at peace wt
him through ỹ bloud of
thy cross by the haue we

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rious throne of Godes
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broughte in throughe
fayth vnto this grace,
wherin we stand & re=
ioyse, in hope of the glo
ry of god: we thāk the
for all thy benefites, &
most hūbly beseche the
to geue vs grace faith=
fully to beleue in thee,
stedfastly to cōfesse the
true god, and true mā,
earnestlye to acknow=
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reconciler, intercessour mediatour, & aduocate that we altogether depending on thee & thy merites, on thy blessed passion, precious death & glorious resurrectiō, may stady through thy grace, soo to order our life in true holines and innocencye, that at the day of iudgemen: thou mayest present vs both bodye & soule vnto thy heauenly father, and so for euer and euer place

vs in thy gloryous kīg dome. Amen.

Unto god, the holy Ghost.

O Holy and blessed spirite, whiche beynge true & euerlasting god, with God the father & god the sonne procedest from them both full of maiesty & power, which also with thy heauenly breathe quickenest the minds of them that afore wer dead through synne, makest mery the

hartes

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harts of the faithful penitēt, bringest into the way of truth al such as haue erred and are deceyued, settest at one such as were at bate cō forrest the soules of thē that hunger and thirst after righteousnes, and plentuously enrichest thē with diuers giftes which pray vnto the in ỹ name of Jesu Christ purifie our hartes we beseech the w̄ the fyre of thy loue, mortify in vs

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minds with thy heauē
ly benefites and spiritu
all gifts, that they may
bee made thy temples,
leade vs into al necessa
ry truth, suffer vs not
to be caried about with
diuers & straunge doc=
trine, but alway to re=
maine in that doctrine,
wherof thou alone art
the author, charme our
soules against the craf=
ty assaultes of subtill sa
than, against the vaine

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pleasures of ỹ wicked world & against the leud lustes of filthy flesh, ỹ we beyng replenished with thy holy breath, may do ỹ onely whiche is acceptable in thy godly sight. Amen.

¶ Prayers of the Magistrates.

FOr asmuche as it is thy godly pleasure o king of kinges, & Lord of lordes, to appoint me among other a ruler of thy people, geue me grace I beseech thee, so

to minister the commō
weale, and so to execute
my office, that I may
please thee, and hurt no
man in all my bounges.
but moge equally and
iustly, rule accordīg to
thy will, shew my self a
father vnto thy people
& so behaue my self in al
myne enterpzises, that
I seking thy glozy, the
furtheraūce of thy blef
sed gospell, & the weale
of the subiectes, maye
(whē thou shalt rēder
to euery mā accordyng

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to his dedes) be founde blameles in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☞ Of the ministers of Gods worde.

O Thou high Priest & euerlastyng Bishop Jesus christ, the alone teacher of all godlye truth, & ẏ only curat of our soules, whiche by thy holy woorde haste appointed some of thy congregation to be ministers and preachers of thy blessed lawe and

glorious Gospell, that by this meanes (the holy ghost also worbyng) they maye call sinners vnto repētaūce, preach remission of sinnes in thy name, perswade vnto vertue, and dissuade frō vice: forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to cal me an vnprofitable seruaunt vnto that holy office of ministratiō and to make me a preacher of thy worde: I most hūbly beseech thee to geue me thy holy spi

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rit, which may lead me into all truth, instruct me with ꝑ knowledge of thy holye misteries and throughe his heauenly inspiratiō so ꝓpare my hart, & order my toung, that I may neither thinke, brethe, nor speake any thinge, but that may turn vnto thy glory & the edifying of thy flocke. Graunt also that what soeuer I preach in word I may fulfill the same

in worke vnto the exā=
ple of that thy flocke,
whiche ẏ hast purcha=
sed with thy precious
bloud, that when thou
ẏ chief shepheard shalt
appeare I being found
faithfull in my office,
may through thy good
nes receyue the incor=
ruptible crowne of glo
ry. Amen.

¶ Of subiectes or Commons.

AS it is thy godly ap
pointment, O Lorde
God, that some should
beare rule in this world

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to se thy glory set forth & the cōmō peace kept so it is thy pleasure a-gaine, & so me should be subiects & inferiours to other in their vocatiō al though before the ther is no respect of persōs. And forasmuch as it is thy good will to appoint me in the nūber of subiectes, I beseche the to geue me a faithfull & an obedient hart vnto the hye powers, that there may be found in me no disobediēce, no vnfaith

fulnes. no treasō, no fal
shold. no dissimulatiō,
no insurrectiō. no com=
motion, no conspiracy,
nor any kind of rebelli
on in worde or in dede
against the ciuile magi
strates. but all faithful
nes, obedience, quiete=
nes, subiection, humili
tie, and whatsoeuer els
becommeth a subiecte,
that I liuing here in al
lowlines of mind may
at the last day through
thy fauour be lifted vp
vnto euerlasting glory

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where thou with ỹ fa-
ther & the holy Ghost
lyuest & raignest very
God for euer. Amen.

☞ Of Fathers and Mothers.

THe frute of ỹ wõbe
& the multitude of
childrẽ is thy gift and
blessing (o lord) geuẽ to
this end that thei may
liue to thy glory & ỹ cõ-
moditie of their neygh-
bour. Forasmuch ther-
fore as ỹ of thy good-
nes hast geuẽ me chil-

dren. I beseeche thee, geue me also grace to traine thē vp euen frō theyr Cradels in thy nurture & doctrine, in thy holy lawes & blessed ordinaunces, that frō their very yōg age they may knowe thee, beleue in thee, feare and loue thee, and diligently walke in thy commaundementes, vnto the prayse of thy glorious name. Amen

☞ Of Children.

Thou

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THou hast geuē a cō-
maundemēt in thy
law (o heauēly father)
that childrē should ho
nour theyr fathers & e
mothers. I most hūb-
ly beseech thee, therfore
to breath thy holy spi-
rite into my brest, that
I may reuerence and
honour my father and
mother, not onelye
with outwarde ge-
stures of my body, but
also with the vnfained
affection of the harte,
loue them, obey them,

pray for the, helpe the & do for them, both in word & dede whatsoeuer lieth in my power. that þ seyng myne vnfayned harty good will toward my parentes, mayest become my louing heauēly father, & nūber me amōg these thy childrē, whō thou hast appointed from euerlastynge heyres of thy glorious kingdom through thy welbeloued sonne Iesus christ our Lord. Amen.

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Of Maisters.

THy cõmaũdemẽt is by thine holy Apostle (O most mercifull Lord Christ) that maisters should entreate their seruaũts gently putting away threatnings, and doing that vnto thẽ, which is iust & equal, for asmuch as we also haue a maister in heauẽ & whõ there is no respect of persõs Graũt I most hartily pray the, I may so or-

der my ſeruaũtes that I attempte none vnrighteouſnes agaynſt thẽ, but ſo vſe my rule & authoꝛitie ouer thẽ, that I may alway remẽber that thou art ỹ cõmõ Lord of al, & we al thy ſeruaũts again, that I may not forget that we be al bꝛothers hauing one father which is in heauẽ, & loke foꝛ one glorious kingdom, where thou with the father & the holye ghoſt liueſt & raigneſt

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true and euerlastynge God for euer. Amen.

☞ Of Seruauntes.

O Lorde we are commaũded by thy blessed Apostles, that we should honor and obey our bodely masters wt fear & trẽbling, not onely if thei be good & curteous, but also though they be frowarde, and serue them not vnto the eye as men pleasers, but with singlenes of hart, not Chur

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any part of their goods
vniuſtli but ſhewing al
good faithfulnes vnto
our maſters, as though
we ſerued godꝫ not mẽ
grũt me grace, I moſt
hũbly beſech thee, ſo to
ſerue my maſter & my
ſuperiours, that there
maſ be foũd no fault in
me, but ꝯ I behauing
my ſelf vpꝛightly, iuſt-
ly, faithfulli & truly in
my vocation, maye do

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worshyp to ỹ doctrine of thee my god & sauiour in al thyngs. Amē.

☞ Of Maydes.

THere is nothynge that becommeth a mayd better thē shēce, shamefastnes & chastity of both body & mind For these thyngs beig once loste, she is no more a mayde but a strōpet in the sight of god: howsoeuer she disguiseth her selfe & dissēbleth with the world, Therfore most hūbly

beſech the (o mercifull father) frō whōcōmeth euery good & perfecte gift, and without whō we are able to do nothing, that ÿ wilt ſo order my tong, & diſpoſe my talke that I ſpeak nothing but ſ become my ſtate, age & perſō, neither that I delight to heare ant talke, that myght in any poynte moue me to leudenes, ſeyng that euil wordes corrupt good maners. Geue me alſo ſache

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shamefastnes as maye plucke me away from the delectatiō either of thinking speaking, hearing, seyng, or doyng evil, that my whole delight mai be in vertue, in godlines, in eschewing idlenes, in geuing my selfe continually to som godly exercise, but aboue al thyngs in thinkyng and speakyng of that, in readyng thy blessed word & heauenly law, which is a lanterne to my feete, and

a lighte to my pathes. Moreouer suffer neyther my mind to be defiled wt euill thoughts nor my body to be corrupted with any kind of vnclēnes, but geue me grace so to order miselfe in exthewing idlenes & wātō wicked cōpany, that my mynde being free frō euill affects, & my body clere from all vnclennes, I may be found a mete tēple for ye holy ghost to inhabite, & if it be thy

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good pleasure hereafter to call me vnto the honorable state of matrimony, & I may bring also vnto my husbād a pure & vndefiled body & so liue with hym in thy feare vnto the prayse & glorye of thy blessed name. Amen.

☞ Of Singlemen.

LOrd thou hast commaūded by thine holy Apostle, that we should abstaine frō fornication, & that euery one of vs should know

how to kepe his vessel that is to say his body in holines & honour, & not in the lust of concupiscēces as do the hea then which know not God: I beseche thee geue me grace to be haue my self accoꝛding to this thy holy com maundement: that in this time of my single life I defile not my bo dy with whoꝛdome oꝛ with any other vnclē nes: but to oꝛder my self with all honest, &

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purenes of life, that I maye glorifie thee my Lord God both in body and spirite. Amen.

Of Husbandes.

Foralmuch (o heauēly father) as ye haste called me frō ye single life vnto ye holy state of honourable wedlocke, whiche is thy good & blessed ordinaunce for all them to liue in, that haue not the gift of cōtinencie, & hast geuen me a woman to wife, that I liuing with her

in thy fear may auoid al vnclennes I moste hartely pray thee geue me grace to liue wt her according to thy godly pleasure, kill in me all filthy & fleshly lustes. suffer me not to delite in any straunge flesh, but to cōtent my selfe ōly wt her loue, to loue her as Christ loued ye cōgregatiō, to cherish her as I wold cherish mine own body, to prouide for her accordyng to my abilitie, to instructe her with the

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sed word, quietly and
peaceably to liue with
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nozable wedlocke vnto the glozy and pzaise of thy holy name. Amen.

☞ Of Wiues.

O Lozd forasmuche as thou of thy fatherly goodnes hast vouched safe to kepe me frō my tēder age vnto this present, & hast now called me frō my single lyfe, vnto ỹ holy state of honozable wedlocke, that I liuing therin, might accozding to thyne ozdinaūce bzing forth children vnto thy glozye.

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Geue me grace I moſt entirely beſech thee to walk, worthy of my vocatiõ, to knowledge mi huſbãd to be my head, to be ſubiect vnto him, to learne thy bleſſed word of him, to reuerẽce him, to obey him, to pleaſe him, to be ruled by him, peaceably & quietly to liue wt him, to weare ſuch apparel as is meete for my degree, & by no meanes to delight in coſtly Jew-

els & proude galaunte vestures, but alway to vse such clothing as be cōmeth a sober christē womā, circumspectly & warely to loke vnto my housholde, that no thing perishe through my negligence, and al wayes haue a diligent eye, that no dishonesty no wickednes, no vngodlynes be cōmitted in my houle, but ẏ in it al things be ordered according to thy holy wil, which art worthy

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at honor, glory & praise for euer & euer. Amē.

Of Housholders.

TO haue childrē and seruātes, is thy blessing, o lord, but not to order thē according to thi worde deserueth thi dredfull curse. Graūt therfore, that as thou hast blessed me & an household, so I may diligētly watch that nothing be committed of the same that might offend thy fatherly good

nes, and be an occasiō of turning thy blessing into cursing, but ꝺ so many as ỹ hast cōmitted to mi charg may eschew all vice, embrace all vertue, liue in thy feare, cal vpō thy holy name, learn thy blessed cōmaūdements, heare thy holy word, & auoiding idlenes, diligently exercise thē selues euery one in his office accoꝛding to their vocatiō & calling, vnto the glozy of thy most hono

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rable name. Amen.

☞ Of all Christians.

ALbeit, o heauēly father, all we that vnfainedly profes thy holy religiō. & faithfully cal on thi blessed name are thy sōnes & heires of euerlastyng glory, yet is all ꝑ mēbers of a body haue not one office, so likewyse we being many & making on body, wher of thy dearli beloued son is ꝑ head, haue not all one gift, neither are we all cald to one office but as

it hath pleſed the to di
ſtribute ſo receiue we:
We therfore moſt hũb
ly pray thee, to ſend ỹ
ſpirit of loue & cõcorde
among vs, that wout
any diſorder or debate
euery one of vs maye
be cõtẽt wyth our calling,
quietly lyue in ỹ ſame
ſtudy to do good vnto
all mẽ by the true & di
ligent exerciſe therof,
wout to much ſeking
of our own pꝛiuat gain
and ſo oꝛder our life in
all points accoꝛding to

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thy godlt wil, ẏ by wel doing we may stop the mouthes of such folish & ignorant people, as repoꝛt vs to be euil doers, & cause thē throughe good woꝛkes to glorifie thee our Lord God in the day of visitacion. Amen.

☞ For the grace and fauour of God.

WHosoeuer liueth wt out thy grace & fauor, O most gratious and fauorable Lorde, although for a time he

walowethm al kind of
flesh'y pleasures, & a
bounde with to much
worldy riches, yet is
he nothing els but the
wretchedbond slaue of
satyā, & the vile dung
hill of sin. Al his plea-
sure is excreme poysō,
all his welth nothing
but plain beggery. For
what felicitie cā there
be, where thy grace &
fauour wanteth? But
where thy grace & fa-
uour is preſēt, though
the deuil roar, & world

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rage, ỹ flesh ſwel, ther is true bleſſednes, vnfained pleaſure & cõtinuall wealth. Poure downe therfore thy heauẽly grace & fauor vpõ vs, ỹ we being aſſured of thy fauorable goodnes towardes vs may reioice & glory in thee, and haue merry hartes when ſo euer we be moſte aſſayled with any kynde of aduerſitie, as it pouerty or ſickneſs, loſſe of frends, or perſecution

for thy names sake, to whom be glorye for euer. Amen.

¶ For the gift of the holy Ghost.

SO frayle is our nature, so vile is our flesh, so leude is our hart, so corrupt ar our affects, so wicked ar al our thoughtes euē frō our childhod vpward, þ of our selues we can neither thinke, breath, speake or do any thing that is prayse worthy in thy sight, O heauē

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ly father, yea, excepte ẏ doost assiste vs ẇ thi mercifull goodnes, all things are so far out of frame in vs, ẏ we seno thing presẽt inour selues but thy heauy displeasure & eternal dãnatiõ. Vouchsafe therfore, o swete father, to sẽd thy holy spirit vnto vs, whiche may make vs new creatures, put away from vs all ñesh ly lustes, fil our harts with newe affectes & spirituall motiõs, and

so altogether renewvs both in body and soule through his godly inspiratiō, ẏ we may die vnto old Adā & liue vnto thee in newnes of life seruyng thee, our Lord God in holynes & righteousnes all the dayes of our life. Amē

¶ For the true knowledge of our selues.

IT is written in thy holy Gospel, most louing sauiour that thou cāmest into this world not to cal ẏ righteous, that is, such as iustifie

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them selues, but sinners vnto repentaūce Suffer me not ther e-fore O Lord, to be in the nūber of those iusticiaries, whiche boasting their own ryghtousnes, their owne workes, & merites, despise the ryghteousnes that cōmeth by faith, whiche alone is allowable before thee. Geue me grace to know and to knowledge my selfe as I am euen the son of wrath by nature,

a wretched sinner, & an vnprofitable seruaũt, and wholy to depẽd on thy mercifull goodnes with strõg & vnshakẽ faith ꝧ in this worlde thou maist continually call me vnto true repẽtaũce, seyng I continually sin, & in ꝧ worlde to come bring me vnto euerlasting glory. amẽ

For a pure and a cleane hart.

The hart of mã naturally is leud & vn-

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searchable through the multitude of synnes, which as in a stinckig bsighill lieth buried in it, in so muche that no man is able to say: my hart is cleane, & I am cleane frō sin. Remoue frō me therfore, o heuēly father, my leud, stoay, stuburne, stincking & vnfaithful hart, create in me a cleane hart free frō all noysom and vngodly thoughtes. Breath into my harte

by thy holy spirite, godly & spirituall motiõs, that out of ỹ good treasure of ỹ harte, I may bring forth good thigs vnto the prayse & glory of thy name. Amẽ.

¶ For a quiet Cõscience.

THe wicked is like a raging sea which is neuer in quiet, neither is there any peace to the vngodly, but such as loue thy lawe (O Lord) they haue plenty of peace, they haue quiet minds & cõtẽted

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cōsciēces, which is the greatest treasure vnder the sun, geuen of thee to so manye as seeke it at thy hande with true faith & continuall prayer: Geue me, O Lord, that ioyfull Jewell, euen a quiet minde and a free mery conscience, that I being free from the damnable accusations of sathā, frō the crafty perswatiōs of ye world

from the subtill entise=
mēts of ẏ flesh, frō the
heauy curs of the law,
& fully perswaded of
thy mercifull goodnes
towarde me throughe
faith in thy son Christ
Iesu, may quietly ser=
ue thee, both boldely &
ghostly in holynes and
ryghteousnes all the
dayes of my life. Amē.

For Faith.

FOr as muche as no=
thing pleaseth thee,
that is done without
faith, appeare it before

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the blind world neuer so beautifull & cōmēdable, but is coūred in thi sight sinful & dānable, yea, the self sin & vānatiō, this is most hūbly to desire the, o father, for Christes sake to breath into my hart by thy holye spirite this most precious & singular gift of faith, which worketh by charitie, wherby also we are iustified, & receyued into thy fauour, that I tru

ly beleeuing in thee, & fully perswaded of thy holiworde, may be made thy son and inheritour of euerlasting glorye, through Iesu Christe our Lorde. Amen.

For Charitie.

Thy cognisaūce and badge, wherby thy disciples are knowen, O Lorde & sauiour Iesu Christ, is charitie or loue, which cōmeth out of a pure hart, & of a good cōscience, and of faith vnfained, I pray

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thee therfore geue me this Christē loue, and perfect charity that I may loue thee my lord God with al my hart, with all my minde, & all my soule, and with all my strength, doyng alwaye of verye loue that onely whiche is pleasaunt in thy sight: agayne that I maye loue my neyghboure and Christen brother as my self, wishing as well to hym as to my

selfe, & redy at al times to do for him, what so euer lieth in my pow-er: that whē we al shal stād before thy dredful iudgmēt place, I being knowen by thy badge, may be nūbred amōg thy Disciples, and so through thy mercy re-ceyue the reward of e-ternall glory. Amen.

¶ For Patience.

When thou liuedst in this world, o Lord Christ, ȳ shewedst thy selfe a mere mirrour of

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perfect paciēce, suffe=
ring quietly not ye spite
full wordes, but also ye
cruel dedes of thi most
cruell enemies, forge=
uing thē & praying for
thē, which most tyrāt=
like hādled the. Geue
me grace, o thou most
meeke & louing Lābe
of God to folowe this
thy paciēce, quietly to
beare the slaunderous
wordes of mine aduer
saries, patiētli to suffer
ye cruell dedes of mine
enemies, to forgeue

thē, to pray for them, yea, to do good for thē. & by no meanes to go about once to auēg my selfbut rather geue place vnto wrath, seyng ỹ vēgeaunce is thine, & thou wilt rewarde, seing also that thou hast pest thē to their right that suffer wrong, that I thus patiently suffering all euils, may afterwarde raigne with thee in glory. Amen.

For Humilitie.

What

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What haue we (o heauēly father) that we haue not receiued? Euery good gift and euery perfect gift is from aboue and commeth downe frō thee, which art ỹ father of lyghts. Seynge then all that we haue is thine, whether it pertayne to the bodye or to the soule, how can we be proud, and boast our selues of that whiche is none of our awn, seing also that as to geue, so to

take away agayn thou
art able & wilt whē so
euer thy gifts be abu
sed, & thou not know=
ledged to be ỹ giuer of
thē. Take therfore a=
way frō me all pride &
hautines of mynd, and
graffe in me true hu mi
lity, that I may know
ledge thee the geuer of
al good things, be thāk
full vnto thee for thē,
and vse thē vnto thy
glory and the profit of
my neighbour. Graūt
also that al my glory &

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reioysing may be in no earthly creatures, but in thee alone whiche doest mercy, equitie and ryghtuousnesse vpon earth. To thee alone be all glory. Amen.

¶ For Mercifulnes.

THy dearely beloued sonne in hys holye Gospel exhorted vs to be merciful, euen as thou our heauenly father art merciful: and promisest that if we be merciful to other, we shall obtayne mercy of

thee, whiche art the fa
ther of merties, and
God of all consolation.
Graunt therfore that
forasmuch as thou art
our father, and we thy
children, we may reue-
rence thee in al our life &
conuersatiō, & that as
thou art beneficial and
liberall, not onely to
the good, but also to ỹ
euill: so we likewyse
may shewe our selues
mercifull gētle and li-
berall to so manye as

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haue nede of our helpe that at the dreadfull day of dome, we may be foūd in the number of those merciful whō thou shalt appointe by thy onely begotten son to go into euerlastyng lyfe, to whom with thee and the holy ghost be all honour & praise. Amen.

For true godlines.

IN thy law. O ẏ maker of heauē & earth thou haste appoynted, vs away to walke in,

and hast commaunded that we should tourne neither on the ryght hand, nor on the left, but doo accordyng to thy good wil and pleasure, without addyng of our owne good ententes and fleshly imaginations. As ẏ hast commaunded so geue me grace good Lord, to do. Let me neither folowe myne owne will, nor the fancies of other men, neyther lette me bee bygiled with the visare of olde

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customes, lōg vsages, fathers, decrees, auncient lawes, nor any other thing that fighteth with thy holy ordinaunces and blessed commaundement, but faythfully beleue and stedfastly confes that to bee the true godlynes, whiche is learned in thy holy byble, and accordyng vnto the praise of thy holye name. Amen.

prayers.

¶ For the true vnderstā-ding of gods word.

O Lord as þ alone art the author of thy ho-ly Scriptures so like-wise can no man, al-though neuer so wise, politike & learned, vn-derstand thē, except he be taught by thy holy spirit, which alone is þ schole maister to lead ȳ faithful into all truth. Vouchsafe therfore I most hūbly beseech thee to breath into my hart thy blessed spirite,

which may renew the senses of my minde, o-pē my wits, reuele vn-to me ẏ true vnderstā-ding of thy holy miste-ries, and plane in me such a certaine & infal-lible knowledge of thy truth, ẏ no subtil per-swasiō of mās wisdom may plucke me frō thy truthe, but that as I haue learned ẏ true vn-derstā ding of thy bles-sed will, so I may re-maine in the same cōti-

nually, come life, come death, vnto ẏ glory of thy blessed name. Amē

For a life agreable to our knowledge.

AS I haue praied vn to thee (O heauenly father) to betaught the true vnderstandyng of thy blessed word by thi holy spirite, so I most entierly besech thee to geue me grace to leade a lyfe agreable to my knowledg. Suffer me not to be of the nūber of thē, whiche professe

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that they know God
with their mouth, but
deny hym with theyr
deedes. Let me not be
lyke vnto that sonne
whiche sayd vnto hys
father, ẏ he would la-
bour in his vineyard,
& yet labored nothyng
at al, but went abroad
loytering idely. S[illegible]ke
me rather like [illegible]to ẏ
good, and frute[illegible] lā d
which yeldeth a[illegible] her
sede so great in[illegible]ease,
that mē seing my good

workes, may glorifie thee my heauenly father. Amen.

For the health of the body.

I Feele in my selfe, o mercifull sauiour, howgreuous a prisõ this mi body is vnto my soule, which cõtinually wisheth to be loosed out of this vile carcas, & to come vnto thee, seing it hath here no rest but is at euery houre vexed with the filthy lustes of the flesh, with the

wicked assaultes of ye
deuill and the world, &
is neuer at quiet, but
alway in daūger to be
euer come of her ene-
mies, were it not pre-
serued of thy goodnes
by the ministery & ser-
uice done of thy holye
aungels. Notwithstā-
ding, o most louing lord
forasmuch as it is thy
good pleasure ye my bo
dy & soule shal still re-
mayne here together
as yet in this vale of

misery: I besech the to preserue my soule frō al vice & my bodi frōal sicknes, ẏ I enioying through thy benefite ẏ health both of body & soule, may be the more able to serue thee and my neighbour in such workes as ar acceptable in thy sight. Amen

¶ For a good name.

NOthing becō neth ẏ professour of thy name better (O heauē ly father) thē so to behaue hym selfe accor-

ding to his profession, that he may be well reputed of the that be of the household of faythe, yea such sincerite and pureness of life ought to be in the which professe thy holy name, that the verye aduersaries of thy truth should be ashamed once to mutter against the. Geue me grace therefore I maye intirely desire the, so to frame my life accordyng to ỹ rule of thy blessed word, that

I may geue no mā occasiō to speake euill of me, but rather so liue in my vocatiō ỹ I may be an ensāple to other to liue godly & vertuously vnto the honour and prayse of thy glorious name. Amen.

¶ For a cōpitent liuing.

ALthough I doubte not of thy fatherlye promision for this my poore & nedy lyfe, yet for asmuche as ỹ hast both commaūded and taught me by thy dere

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son to praye vnto thee
for thynges necessary
for this my lyfe, I am
bold at this present to
come vnto thy diuine
maiesty, most hūbly be
seching thee, that as ẏ
hast geuen me lyfe, so
ẏ wilt geue me meate
and drinke to sustaine
the same. Againe as ẏ
hast geuen me a body,
so thou wilt geue me
clothes to couer it, ẏ
I hauing sufficiēt for
my lyuing, maye the
more freely & with the

quieter minde applye my selfe vnto thy seruice and honour. Amē

¶ For a patient and thankfull harte in sickenes.

WHō thou louest (O Lord) him dost thou chastē, yea euery sonne that thou receyuest, ꝑ scourgest, and in so doing, thou offerest thy selfe vnto hym, as a father vnto hys sonne. For what sonne is he who the father chastenerh not? Graūt therfore I moste hartelye

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pray thee, that whē-
euer thou layest thy
crosse on me, & visitest
me with thy louynge
scourge of sickenes, I
maye by no meanes
striue agaīst thi father
by pleasure, but patiēt
ly and thākfully abide
thy chastisement, euer
being perswaded, that
it is for the helth both
of my body and soule,
& that by this meanes
thou worckest my salua
tion, subduest the flesh
vnto the spirit and ma

kell me a newe creature, that I may hereafter serue thee alone freely, and continue in thy feare vnto my liues ende. Amen.

For strength against the deuill, the world, and the flesh.

O Lord God, the deuil goeth about like a roaring Lion, seking whom he may deuour. The flesh lusteth against the spirite. The world perswadeth vn-

to

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to vanities, that we maye forget thee our Lord God, and so forever be damned. Thus are we miserably on every syde besieged of cruell and vnrestfull enemies, and lyke at every moment to perishe, if we be not defended with thy godly power agaynste their tyranny. I therefore poore and wretched sinner despayring of myne owne strēgthes, whiche in deede are

none, moſt hartily pray thee to endue me with ſtrēgth frō aboue, that I mai be able through thy helpe with ſtrong faith to reſiſte ſathan, with feruēt prayer to mortifie the raging lu ſtes of the fleſhe, with continuall meditacion of thy holy lawe, to a uoyde the foolish vani ties and trāſitory plea ſures of this worlde, that I thrughe thy grace beyng let at li berte from the power

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of mine enemies, may lyue and serue thee in holynes & ryghteousnes al the dayes of my lyfe. Amen.

¶ For the helpe of gods holy angels.

AN infinite nũber of wicked aũgels are there (O Lord Christ) whiche wont ceasing seke my destructiõ. Agaynste this exceedyng gret multitude of euil spirites, send thou me thy blessed & heauenly

aungels, whiche may pitch their tents roūd about me, & so deliuer me from theyr tyranny. Thou (o lord) hast deuored hel & ouer come the prince of darkenes & al his ministers, yea & that not for thy self, but for thē that beleue in thee. Suffer me not therfore to be ouercom of sathan, & of his ternaūtes, but rather let me triūphe ouer thē, that I through strōg faith & the helpe of thy

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blessed aungell hauing the victory of the hellishe army, may with a ioyful hart say. death where is thy stynge? hell where is thy victory? and so for euer & euer magnify thy holy name. Amen.

¶ For the glory of heauē.

THe ioyes (O Lord) whiche thou haste prepared for thē that loue thee no eye hathe seene, noo eare hathe hearde, neyther is

any hart ableto thinke
But as the io es are
great & vnspeakeable,
so ar there few ẏ do en-
ioy thē. For straight
is the gate and narow
is the way which lea-
deth vnto life, and few
therbe ẏ find it. Not-
Vstanding, o heauēly
father thou hast a litle
flock, to whō it is thy
pleasure to geue ẏ glo-
rious kingdome of hea
uē. There is a certain
nūber of shepe, ẏ here
thy voyce, whō no mā

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is able to pluck out of thy hād. which shal ne ner perish to whom al so thou shalt geue eter nal life. Make me ther fore. O lord of that nū ber, whō thou frō euer lasting haste predesti nate to be saued, whose names also are writte in ꝑ boke of life. Pluk me out of the company of the stinking goates, which shal stād on thy left hād & be damned, & place me amōg those

thy sheepe, which shal
stand on thy right hād
and be saued. Graunt
me this, o merciful fa-
ther for thy dere sons
sake Iesu Christ our
Lord. So shall I en-
ioying this singular be
nefite at thy hand, and
being placed in thy glo
rious kingdō, sing per
petuall prayses to thy
godly maiestie, whiche
liuest & reignest with
thy derely beloued son
and the holy ghost one
true & euerlasting god

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A thankes geuyng vnto God for all his benefites.

Thy benefites, towarde me, O moste louyng father, are so great & infinite, whether I haue respecte vnto my body or vnto my soule, that I finde not in my selfe howe to recompence anye part of thine vnspeakable goodnes towarde me. But thou which needest noone of my Goodes, knowynge

our beggers, yea our no
thīg, requirest of vs for
a recōpēce of thy kind
nes onely ẏ sacrifice of
praise & thāks geuing
O Lord & merciful fa=
ther, what worthy thā
ks am I pore & wret=
ched sinner ableto geue
thee? Notwithstāding
trusting on thi merci &
fauourable kindnes, I
offer vnto thee in the
name of Christ ẏ sacri
fice of praise, euer thā
king thee most hartly
for all thy benefites,

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which ẏ hast bestowed
vpō me thine vnprofi-
table seruaūt frō ẏ be-
ginning of my life vnto
this presēt houre most
hūbly besechyng thee
to cōtinue thy iourng
kindnes towarde me.
& to geue me grace to
walke worthy of this
thy fatherly good nes,
that whē thou shalt cal
me out of this carefull
life I may enioy ẏ thy
most singular & last be
nefite, which is euerla
sting glori through Je

ſus Chriſt our Lord,
ſo who with thee and
the holy ghoſt be al ho
nour & prayſe for euer
and euer. Amen.

¶ A prayer to our Lorde
Jeſus Chriſt, called Con-
ditor celi & terre.

O Maiſter of heauen
and earth, kyng of
kynges, and Lorde of
Lordes, which of no
thing didſt make me to
thy ymage & likenes, &
didſt redeme me with
thyne owne precious
bloud, whom Y a ſin-

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ner am not worthy to
name neyther to call
vpō, neither with my
hart to think vpō, hūb
ly I desire the & meek
ly praieth, that gently
thou do behold me thy
wicked seruaūt & haue
mercy on me, whiche
hadst mercy on the wo
mā of Canane, and of
Marye Magdalene,
whiche didst forgeue
the Publicane, and the
theif hāging on ye cros
Unto thee I cōles. O
most holy Father, my

sins which if I would
I cānot hide frō thee.
Haue mercye on me
Christ for I a wretch
haue sore offēded thee,
in prid, in couetousnes
in glotonie, in lechery,
in vainglori, in hatred,
in enuye in adultery, in
theft, in sporting in disso
lute & wātō laughing,
in idle wordes, in hea-
ring in tasting in think
ing, in sleping, in work
ing, and in alwayes, in
which I a frail man, &

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moſt wretched ſinner myghte ſinne. Thy defaulte, my moſt greuous defaulte. Therefore I moſt hūbly pray & beſeech thy gētilnes, which for my health, deſcēded from heauen, whiche didſt holde vp kīng Dauid, that he ſhould not fal into ſin. Haue mercy on me, oh lord haue mercy on me (O Chriſt) the whiche didſt forgeue Peter, y did forſake thee. Thou art my creatour & my

helper, mi maker, & mi
redeemer, my gouernor
my father, my lord, my
god & my king. Thou
art my hope, my trust,
my gouerner, my help,
my cōfort, my strēgth
my defence my redēp-
tiō, my life, my health
and my resurrection.
Thou art my stedfast
nes my refuge & suc-
cour, my light and my
help. I moste hūbly &
hartly desire and pray
the help me, defēd me,
make me strōg & com-

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fort me make me stedfast. make me mery; gedeme light, & visite me, reuiue me againe, which am dead. For I am thy making & thy worke, oh lord, despise me not, I am thy seruaunt, thy pondmā, al though euill, although vnworthy & a sinner. But whatsoeuer I am whether I be eyther good or bad; I am euer thyne. Therefore to whom shalt I flee, except I flee onely vn

to thee: if thou cast me
of, who shall or will re-
ceiue me. If thou des-
pise me, & turn thi face
frō me, who shal looke
vpō me: recognise and
knowledg me: although
vnworthy, cōming
to thee although I be
vile & vnclene, for if I
be vile & vnclene, thou
cāst make me clene. If
I be sicke, thou canst
heale me. If I be dead
I buried, thou canst re
uiue me. For thy mer-
cy is much more, then
mine iniquitie, & canst

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forgeue me more thē I cā offēd. Therfore, oh Lord. do not consider nor haue respect to the nūber of my sins, but accordyng to thy greatnes of thy mercy forgeue me and haue mercye on me moste wretched sinner. Say vnto my soule. I am thy health, whiche saidst: I will not the death of a sinner, but rather that he lyue & be conuerted, & turne

to thee.

Oh lord be not angry with me, I pray thee most meeke father for thi great mercy. I most humbly beseche thee, that thou bring me to the blisse, that neuer shall cease. Amen.

☞ A prayer to be sayde at the houre of death.

O Lord Iesu, whiche art the onely health of all men liuing, & the euerlasting life of the, which die in thy faith. I wretched synner

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geue & subdue my selfe wholy vnto thy moste blessed will. And I being sure that thy thing cānot perish which is cōmitted vnto thy mercy: O Lorde, geue me grace that willingly I may leaue this frayle & wicked flesh in hope of the resurrectiō, which in better wise shall restore it to me agayne. I beseech thee, most mercyfull Lorde, Iesus Christ, that thou wilt

by thy grace make ſtrōg my ſoule againſt all temptations. And that thou wilt couer & defend me & the buckler of thi mercie againſt al the aſſaultes of ꝑ deuill. I ſe & knowledge that there is in my ſelf no helpe of ſaluation. But all my confidēce, hope & truſt is in thy moſt mercifulgoodnes I haue no merites nor good workes, whiche I may allēdge beſore thee. Of my ſins

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e euil workes, alas, I see a great hepe, but thorow thy mercy I trust to be in the number of thē to whō thou wilt not impute their sinnes: but take & accept me for righteous & iust & to be thy enheritour of euerlasting life. Thou merciful Lord wast borne for my sake thou didst suffer both hūger & thirst, for my sake thou didst preach and teache, thou didst

pray & fast for my sake
ẏ didst al good workes
& deedes for my sake.
Thou suffered st most
greuous paines & tor-
mentes for my sake.
And finally, thou ga-
uest thy most precious
body to die, & thi bloud
to be shed on the crosse
for mi sake. Now most
mercyfull sauiour, let
al these thingē profite
me, whiche thou frely
hast geuē me, that hast
geuen thy selue for me.
Let thy blood clense &

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washe away the spots & fulnes of my sinnes. Let thy righteousnes hide and couer my bu= righteousnes. Let the merites of thy passion & bloud be satisfaction for my sinnes, geue me Lorde thy grace that my faith and saluation in thy bloude, wauer not in me, but euer be firme & constant, that the hope of thy mercy & lyfe euerlastyng ne= uer decay in me, ẏ cha=

tie waxe not cold in me finally that the weake nes of my flesshe be not ouercome with fear of death. Graūt me, merciful sauiour, that whē death hath shut vp the eyes of my bodye, yet that ꝑ eies of my soule may still behold & loke vpon thee, that when death hath taken a= waye the vse of my tounge and speech, yet that my harte may cry and saye vnto thee. In manꝰ tuas domine

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cõmendo spiritũ meũ, that is to say, O Lord, into thy hãds I geue and commit my soule, Domine Iesu accipe spiritum meum.

Lord Iesu receyue my soule vnto thee. Amen.

Geue the glory to God alone.

(.*.)

O God the father of heauen haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the father of heauen haue mercy, &c.

O God the sonne redemer of the worlde: haue mercye vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the sonne. &c.

O God the holy ghost proceding from the father and the sonne: haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O

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Letany.

O God the holy, &c.

O holy, blessed & glorious Trinitie, three persons, and one God: have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

O holy blessed &c.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take vengeaunce of our sinnes. Spare us good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redemed with thy most precious

rious blood, & be not angry wt vs for euer.

Spare vs good, &c.

From al euil and mischief, from sinne, from the craftes & assaultes of the deuil, from thy wrath, and from euer lasting damnation.

Good Lorde delyuer vs.

From al blindnes of hart, from pride vayne glory & hypocrisy, frō enuye hatred & malice & all vncharitablenes.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

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Letany.

From fornication and all deadly sinne and frō all the deceytes of the worlde, the flesh and the deuill.

Good Lord deliuer vs

From lightnings and tempestes, frō plague, pestilence and famine, from battell & murder & from sodaine death.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Frō all sedicion & priuy conspiracy from all false doctrine and heresy, from all hardnes of

hart

harte, and contempte of thy worde and coin maundement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By the mistery of the holy incarnatiō, by thy holy natiuitie & circūcision, by thy baptisme falling and tēptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By thyne agony and bloudy sweate, by thy crosse and passion, by thy pretious death & burial, by thy glorious resurrection and ascentiō, and by the cōming

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of the holy ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in y houre of death and in the day of iudgment.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

We sinners do beseech thee, to heare vs. O Lord God, and that it may please thy to rule and gouerne thy holy Churche vniuersallye in the right way.

We beseche thee to heare vs good Lord.

Letany.

That it may pleaſe the to keepe & ſtrengthen in ỳ true worſhipping of thee, in rightoulnes and holines of life, thy ſeruaũt Elizabeth our moſt gratious quetue and gouernour.

We beſech thee. &c.

That it may pleaſe the to rule her hart in thy faith, feare & loue and that ſhe may euermore haue aſſiaunce in the, and euer ſeeke thy honour and glory.

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we beseech thee, &c.
That it maye please the to be her defender and kepar, geuing her the victory ouer al her enemies.

we beseech thee, &c.
That it may please the to illuminat al bishops Pastours and Mynisters of ȳ church, with true knowledge & vnderstãding of thy word and that both by theyr preaching and lyuing they maye set it forth

& shew it accordingly.

we besech thee, &c.

That it mai please the to endue ye Lordes of ye counsell, & all the Nobilitie, with grace wisedome & vnderstāding.

we besech thee &c.

That it mai please the to blesse & kepe the magistrates, geuyng thē grace to execute iustice and to maintain truth.

we besech thee, &c.

That it mai please the to bles and kepe al thy people.

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We beſech thee. &c.

That it maye pleaſe thee to geue to all natiõs vnite peace, and concorde.

We beſech thee. &c.

That it maye pleaſe the to geue vs an hart to loue and dread the and diligently to lyue after thy commaundementes.

We beſech thee &c.

That it maye pleaſe to geue al thi people increaſe of grace to heare

meekely thy worde, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring forth the frutes of the spirite.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it may please the to bring into ꝯ way of truth, all such as haue erred & are deceiued.

we beseech thee. &c.

That it may please the to strengthen such as do stand and comforte & helpe the weake herted and to rayse vp the

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that fall, and finally to beate down sathā vnder our fecte.

We besech thee. &c.

That it mai please the to succour, helpe and comforte all that be in daūger, necessitie and tribulation.

We besech thee &c.

That it mai please the to preserue all that trauell by land or by water, all women labourīg of child, al sick persons and yong childrē

and to shew thy pitie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee. &c

That it maye please thee to defende & prouide for the fatherles children & widowes, and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee. &c.

That it maye please thee to haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee &c.

That it maye please the to forgeue our ene=

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mies, persecuters, and slaũderers & to turne their hartes.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it maye please thee to geue and preserue to our vse ỹ kindly frutes of the earth so as in due tyme we may enioy them.

We beseech thee, &c.

That it mai please the to geue vs true repentaũce, to forgeue vs al our sinnes, negligẽces and ignoraunces, & to

endue vs & the grace of thy holy spirite to amend our liues accordyng to thy holy word.

We beseech thee &c.

Son of god we beseech thee to heare vs.

Son of god we be. &c

O Lãbe of god that takest awaye the sinnes of the worlde,

Graunt vs thy peace.

O Lãbe of God that takest awaye the sinnes of the worlde,

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O

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O Christ heare vs.
O Christ haue v[illegible]
Lord haue mercy vpon vs.
Lord haue mercy. &c
Christ haue mercy vpon vs.
Christ haue mercy. &c
Lord haue mercy vpon vs.
Lord haue mercy. &c
℣ Our father. &c.
And lede vs not into tẽptation.
But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

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☞ The verſicle.

O lord deale not with vs after our ſinnes.

☞ Anſwere.

Neither rewarde vs after our iniquities.

Let vs pray.

O God mercyfull Father, that diſpiſeſt not the ſighing of a cõtrit hart nor the deſire of ſuch as be ſorowful mercyfully aſſiſte our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and aduerſities, whenſoeuer they

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oppresse vs. And gra-
tiously heare vs, that
those euils, whiche the
crafte and suttelte of
the deuill or man wor-
keth agaynste vs bee
brought to nought: and
by the prouidence of
thy goodnesse, they
may be dispersed, that
we thy seruaūts being
hurte by no persecuti-
ons, maye euermore
geue thākes vnto the
in thy holye Churche
through

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lorde arise helpe vs and deliuer vs for thy names sake.

O god we haue heard with our eares & our fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes ye ye diddst in theyr dayes, and in the olde time before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs and deliuer vs for thy honor

Glory be to the father

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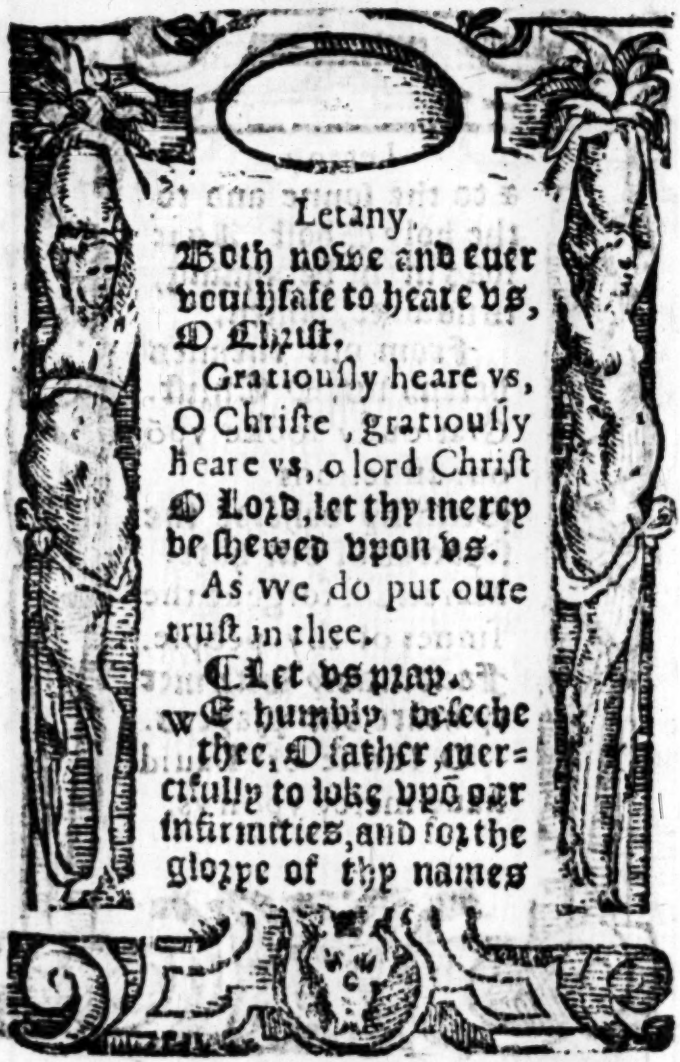
& to the ſonne and to the holy Ghoſt. As it was in the begenning, is now. &c. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs. O Chriſt.
Graciouſly looke vpō our afflictions.
Pitifully beholde the ſorowes of our hart.
Mercifulli forgeue the ſinnes of thy people.
Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers.
O ſonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.



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Both nowe and euer vouchsafe to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christe, graciously heare vs, o lord Christ

O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs.

As we do put oure trust in thee.

Let vs pray.

WE humbly beseche thee, O father, mercifully to loke vpō our infirmities, and for the glorye of thy names

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sake turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: And graunt that in all our troubles we may put oure whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, & euermore serue thee in holynes and pureneſſe of lyuing to thy honor and glory through our onely mediatour & aduocate Jesus Christe our Lord. Amen.

¶ A prayer for the Queenes maieſtie.

prayers.

O Lord our heauenly father high & mighty, kynge of kynges, Lorde of Lordes, the onelye ruler of Princes, which dooſt from thy throne beholde all the dwellers vpon the earth: moſt hartily we beſeche thee with thy fauour to beholde our moſt gratious ſouerain Lady Queene Elizabeth. and ſo replenyſhe her with the grace of thy holy ſpirit that ſhe may alwaye incline to thy

thy will and walke in thy waye. Indue her plentifully with heauenly giftes. Graunt her in health & wealth longe to lyue, strengthe her that we may vanquish and ouercome al her enemies. And finally after this life she may attain euerlasting ioy and felicitie. Thorow Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☞ For rayne if the tyme require.

prayers.

O God heauenly Father whiche by thy sonne Jesus Christ, hast promised to al the that seeke thy kyngdome and the righteousnes thereof, all thinges necessarye to theyr bodelye sustenaunce: send vs we beseche thee in this oure necessitie such moderate rayne and shoures that we maye receyue the frutes of the earth to our comforte, and to thy honor, throughe

prayers.

Jesus Christe oure Lord. Amen.

¶ For faire weather.

O Lord God, whiche for the sinne of man diddest once drowne all the worlde except eight persons, and afterwarde of thy great mercy diddest promise neuer to destroy it so a gayn, we humbly beseech thee, that although wee for oure iniquities haue worthely deserued this plague of

raine and waters: yet vpon our true repentaunce, thou wilt send vs such weather, wher by we may receiue the fruts of ye earth in due season, and learne both by thy punishment to amēde our liues, & for thy clemency to geue thee prayse and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

☞ A prayer of Chrisostome.

ALmighty god which hast geuen vs grace

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at this time w̄ one accorde to make our cōmō supplicatiōs vnto thee, & doost promise: ẏ whē two or three be gathered in thy name thou wilt graūt their requestes: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires & peticiōs of thy seruaūtes, as may be most expediēt for thē: graunting vs in this world knowledg of thy truth & in the world to come life euerlasting. Amē.

prayers.

☞ In the time of dearth and famine.

O God heauēly father whose gift it is that the raine doth fall, the earth is fruitefull, beastes increase, and fishes do multiply. Behold we beseche thee, the afflictions of thy people, and graūt that the scarcitie & dearth, whiche we do nowe most iustlye suffer for oure iniquitie, maye throughe thy goodnes be mercifully turned

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into cheapnes and plenty. for the loue of Iesu Christ our lord: to whō with thee and the holy ghost. &c.

☞ Or thus.

O God mercyfull father whiche in the tyme of Heliseus the Prophet didst sodenly turne in Samaria, greate scarcitie and dearth into plēty, & extreme famine into aboū dance of victual: haue pitie vpō vs, that now bee punished for oure sinnes

sinnes with like aduer
sity, encrease ỹ frutes
of the earth by thy hea
uenly benediction: And
graūt ỹ we receiuing
thy bountiful liberality
may vse ỹ same to thy
glory, our cōfort, & re-
liefe of our needy neigh-
bours, through Iesus
Christ our Lord. amē.

¶ In the time of warre.

O Almighty God,
king of all kynges,
and gouernour of all
thinges, whose power
no creature is able to

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reſiſte, to whom it be-
lōgeth iuſtly to puniſh
ſinners and to be mer-
ciſull vnto them that
truly repent: ſaue and
deliuer vs we humbly
beſech thee, from the
hādes of our enemies,
abate their pride, aſ-
ſwage their malice &
confoūd their deuiſes,
that we beyng armed
with thy defence, may
be preſerued euermore
from all perils to glo-
rifie thee, whiche art
the onely geuer of all

victory; throughe the merites of thy onelye sonne Jesus Christe our Lord. Amen.

¶ In the time of any common plage or sickness.

O Almyghtye God: whiche in thy wrath in the tyme of kynge Dauid diddest slaye with the plage of pestilence three score and ten thousand; and yet remembring thy mercy diddest saue the rest: haue pitye vpon vs miserable sinners, that

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nowe are visited with great sickness and mortalitie, that lyke as thou biddest then commaunde thine aungels to ceale from punyshing: So it may now please thee to withdrawe from vs thys plague and greuous sickness through Jesu Christ our Lord. Amē.

The ende of the Letany.

prayers.

¶ Generall Collectes.

ASsiste vs mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, & dispose the way of thy seruaunts, towarde the attaynemẽt of euerlasting saluation that among all the chaunges & chaunces of this mortal life, they may euer be defended by thy most gratious and ready helpe throughe Christe our Lord. Amen.

Pra-

prayers.

PReuēt vs, O Lord in all our doynges with thy most gratious fauour, & further vs with thy cōtinuall helpe, that in all oure worckes begon continued and ended in the: We may glorifie thy holy name, & finally by thy mercy obtain euerlastyng lyfe throughe Iesus Christe oure Lord. Amen.

ALmighty God, the fountaine of al wisdom, whiche knowest

our necessities before we aske, and our ignorance in asking: we beseeche thee to haue compassion vpon our infirmities, and those thynges for which our vnworthynes we dare not, and for our blindnes we can not aske, vouchesafe to geue vs for ỹ worthynes of thy sonne Iesus Christe our Lord. Amen.

¶ The ende of the Collectes.

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☞ I prayer for women with child.

THou O Lorde, art wonderfull in all thy workes, and what soeuer thy good pleasure is that doost thou easely bryng to passe, neyther is any thyng impossible with thee, that thou wilte haue done. And albeit this thine almighty power sheweth it self aboundauntlye in all thy

workes

workes, yet in the cõ=
ceyuing, formyng and
bringing forth of man,
it shineth most euidẽt=
ly. At the beginning, o
heauenly father, when
thou madest mã & wo
mã, thou cõmaũdedst
them to encrease, mul=
tiplie, & replenishe the
earth. If throughe the
subtile entisements of
Sathan, they had not
transgressed thy com=
maundemẽt by eating
the forbiddẽ frute; the

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woman, who thou hast appointed ye organe instrument and vessel to conceiue, norish, & bring forth man through thy wonderful workmanship had wout any labour, paine, or trauaile brought forth her fruit. But that whiche thy goodnes made easy, sin and disobedience hath made hard, painful, dangerous, and if thy help were not impossible to be brought to passe so

that nowe all women
bring forth their chil-
dre in great sorowes,
paynes, and troubles.
Notwithstanding thou
shewest thy self vnto
thy creatures a father
of mercy, and God of
al consolation. For the
whiche through their
owne imperfectiō and
feblenes they are not
able of them selues to
bringe to passe, thou
throughe thyne vn-
speakeable power ma-
kest easy in them, and

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bringest vnto a fortunate end. We therfore being fully perswaded of thy bent and ready goodnes, of thy presēt helpe, of thy sweet cōfort in al miseries and necessities, knowyng also by the testimonies of thy holy word how great and intollerable the paynes of women are that trauayll of childe, if through thy tender mercyes they be not mitigated & eased, most humbly pray

thee for Jesu Christes
sake thy sonne and our
Lord, that thy loyng
kindnes may make ꝑ
easy & tollerable which
sin hath made hard &
painful. Ease, O lord,
the paynes whiche ꝑ
most righteously hast
put vpon all wom̄e for
the sin & disobedience
of our graund mother
Eue in whome all we
haue sinned, and geue
vnto all suche as haue
conceiued and be with
childe, strēgth to bring

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faith, that which thou wonderfully haste wrought in them. Be present with them in their trouble, helpe them and deliuer them. Lette thy power bee shewed no lesse in the safe bringing forth, then in the wonderfull fashioning of the childe, that that which thou haste begon in them, maye come vnto good successe. Make them glad and ioyfull mo-

thers, & they through thy goodnesse beyng safely deliuered, and restored to their olde strength, may lyue and praise thy blessed name for euer. Amen.

☞ A thankes geuing vnto God for their deliuerance.

AMonge other thy benefites yea and those innumerable, whiche thou dayly bestowest vpon vs thy vnclye and poore creatures thys is not the

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leaſt. O moſt merciful father, that thou of thy tender goodnes dooſt vouchſafe for the conſeruation of mankinde to preſerue the wome that are with childe, & to geue them ſafe deliuerance of their burde, by this meanes making them glad & ioyfull mothers. For this thy benefite and good will towarde vs, we ſo hartily thanke thee, as hart can thinke, be-

prayers.

seching thee to worke suche thankefulnes in the hartes of all mothers by thy holy spirite, that they beynge not vnmyndefull of thys high benefite, of their safe deliueraunce wrought onely by the sauiour of al mãkind, may shewe thẽselues thankefull vnto thee for this thy goodnes, and neuer forget that thy presente helpe and moste swete comforte which thou mercifully

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shewedst vpō them in theyr great trauaries, laboures and paynes when they fled vnto thy holy name for succour as vnto a strong bulwarke and holy defence. Go forth, O Lord, to make thē the ioyfull mothers of many children. Endue them with longe lyfe, that they may se theyr childrēs children. And the children that thou geuest vnto thē, make thou as in age, so like-

wisein wisedome and in the aboundaunce of thy holy spirite to encrease that they may haue fauour bothwith thee and with all good mē, vnto ẏ glory of thy most blessed name. Amen.

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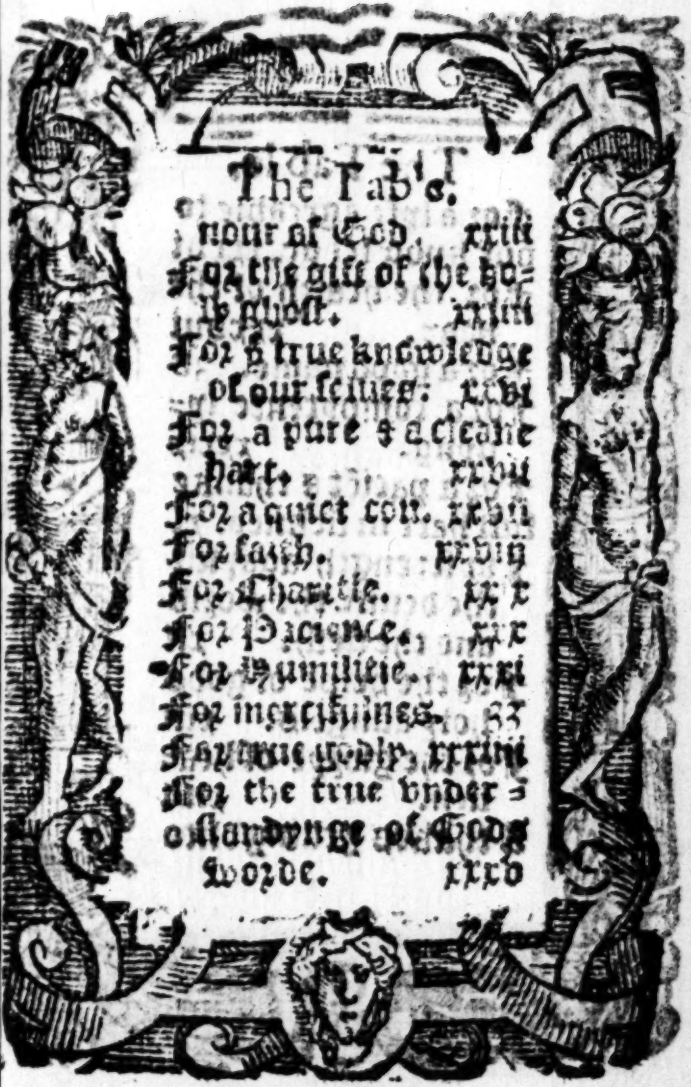

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